

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-12 IO-14 ISO-00 H-02 SSM-05  
SIG-03 INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-02 SP-02 INRE-00 /071 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/P:WBHARRIS:RGH

APPROVED BY NEA/P:GFSHERMAN

S/PRS - MR. CARTER

H - MR. FLATEN

SSM - MR. MC ANDREW

NEA/IAI - MR. SMITH

NEA/ARP - MR. TWINAM

NEA/EGY - MR. NEWBERRY

NEA/ARN - MR. DRAPER

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY SANA

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

USMISSION SINAI

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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USMISSION USNATO

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

USINT BAGHDAD  
AMEMBASSY DOHA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
USCINCEUR  
DOD  
JCS  
CIA  
USIA  
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CINCEUR FOR POLAD, TEL AVIV FOR PAO, DELIVER BY 9 A.M.

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN

FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN,  
TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, WIRE SERVICES AND GENERALLY  
TO PRESS CORPS 13 MARCH, 1600 HOURS LOCAL. WAS POSTED  
AT SAME TIME.

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-- RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRORIST RAID IN ISRAEL

THE QUESTION WAS RAISED AT THE NOON BRIEFING ABOUT OUR  
KNOWLEDGE OF WHO PERPETRATED THE TERRORIST ATTACK AGAINST  
ISRAEL ON SATURDAY AND WHETHER WE WERE CONDEMNING THE PLO  
FOR THIS ACT. WHILE WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT KNOWLEDGE OF  
THOSE RESPONSIBLE, WE NOTE THE STATEMENTS BY FATTAH  
SPOKESMAN IN LEBANON CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY. WE HAVE NO  
REASON TO DOUBT THAT CLAIM. OUR CONDEMNATION OF THIS  
BRUTAL ACT NATURALLY EXTENDS TO THAT ORGANIZATION WHICH  
CLAIMS TO HAVE PERPETRATED THIS ATTACK. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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**TAGS:** PFOR, PINS, IS, US  
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